of Coal to coal companies for road development from out of the fund realised under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Conservation & Development) Act, 1974.

(b) The total stretch of roads developmed by coal companies in Bihar during the last three years was 112.60 Kms.

(c) CIL have informed that the following amounts have been tentatively earmarked for road development in collieries located in Bihar during the Eighth Plan period:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Company	Amount earmarked
Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL)	373.00
Bharat Coking Coalfields Ltd. (BCCL) . .	1480.00
Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL)	5988.00

Revision of rate of royalty on coal

7345. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to revise the rate of royalty on coal;

(b) whether the coal producing states have been making this demand since long;

(c) if so, the steps taken to revise the rate of royalty on coal; and

(d) the details of the revision proposed to be made on different grades of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Under the provisions of Section 9 of Mines and Minerals (Regulation & Development) Act, 1957 the rates of royalty on minerals can be enhanced only once in a period of three years. Since the last increase in royalty on coal was effected on 1-8-1991, the next increase can only be effected on or after 1-8-1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Govt. had appointed a study group to inter-alia examine the requests of the State Govts. for increases in coal royalty and make suitable recommendations.

(d) The details of revised rates of royalty applicable to different grades coal are notified in the official gazette Copies are also placed on the Tables of both Houses of the Parliament.

Investigation of shortages in B.C.C.L

7346. SHRI GOBINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee to investigate the shortages in the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and if not why such inordinate delay in submitting the report;

(c) whether Government have accepted the findings of the Commitee;

(d) if so, the details of the top level executives management held responsible for such huge shortages to the extent of nearly six thousand crore Rupees; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against these guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (e) A Committee was set up to carry out an indepth study of the shortages in coal stocks in BCCL. The Committee's report has been received and follow up action has been initiated. It is felt that giving details of the report at this stage may prejudice the course of action and it may not be in the public interest.

हुराक्षी परियोजना को पुनः आरम्भ करना

7347. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ईस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लि० राजमहल परियोजना के अन्तर्गत लाल मटिया में हुराक्षी परियोजना को पुनः आरम्भ करने का विचार रखता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस परियोजना पर कुल कितना व्यय किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या लालमटिया से परपेटी और लालमटिया से गोड्डा तक दोनों तरफ की सड़कों को चौड़ा करने और उन्हें पक्का करने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उक्त कार्य कब तक शुरु किया जायेगा और कब तक पूरा कर लिया जायेगा ; और

(ङ) इस पर कितनी धनराशि व्यय किये जाने की सभावना है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) और (ख) हुराक्षी नामक कोई परियोजना नहीं है । तथापि, यदि माननीय सदस्य इस संबंध में हुर्रा "सी" परियोजना का हवाला दे रहे हैं तो वर्तमान में ईस्टर्न कोलफील्डस लि० की लालमटिया क्षेत्र के अन्तर्गत हुर्रा "सी" परियोजना को लिये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है, क्योंकि राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम (एन० टी०पी०सी०) के संयोजित कहलगांव और फरक्का विद्युत गृहों को वर्तमान मांग की आपूर्ति चालू राजमहल ओपेनकास्ट परियोजना (105 मि. टन प्रति वर्ष द्वारा आसानी से पूरी की जा सकती है ।

(ग) इस प्रकार का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है ।

Targets for coal production by Western Coal Fields Limited

7348. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for coal production by the Western Coal Fields Limited during each of the last three years and the actual production of coal during this period; and

(b) the efforts made to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Coal production targets set for Western Coalfields Limited during the last three years were achieved. Details are given below:—

(Million tonnes)

Year	Coal Production	
	Target	Actual
1991-92 . . .	24.60	24.73
1992-93 . . .	25.00	25.75
1993-94 . . . (Provisional)	26.00	26.51